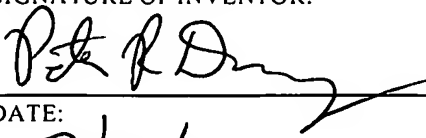
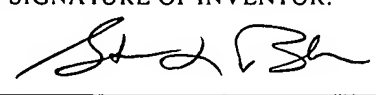
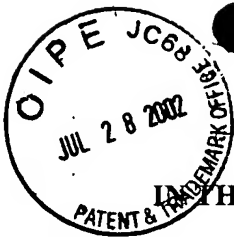


**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT****DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled as set forth below, which is described in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a);

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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| METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR DATA PACKET FILTERING USING TREE-LIKE HIERARCHY   |                         |   |
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**DECLARATION BY WILLIAM D. KOLB  
ON BEHALF OF INVENTOR VISHNU NATCHU**

I, William D. Kolb, hereby declare that:

- I. I am a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, Texas.
- II. I am Legal Counsel and Assistant Secretary for Ericsson Inc., and, as such, am an officer duly authorized to sign this Declaration.
- III. By virtue of the proprietary interest of Ericsson Inc. and my authority to sign this Declaration, I sign this Declaration on behalf of and as agent for Vishnu Natchu, who has refused to respond to our many attempts to contact him to sign the Declaration for Application Serial Number 10/028,473. He is no longer employed by Ericsson Inc., and has not responded to telephone messages left for him, email messages sent to him, Federal Express packages sent to him, and Certified U.S. Mail packages sent to him.
- IV. The proprietary interest is evidenced by a formal, written agreement whereby the inventor, Vishnu Natchu, agreed to assign the invention to Torrent Networking Technologies, Corp., a Division of Ericsson Inc. A true copy of said agreement is attached as Exhibit A.
- V. Upon information and belief, I aver those facts which the inventor is required to state, as set forth in 37 CFR 1.64(b).
- VI. Accompanying this Declaration is the Petition and Statement of Facts Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) to establish the proof of pertinent facts.

**DECLARATION BY WILLIAM D. KOLB  
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